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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Abstract

Applicant's has reduced the size of the Abstract as directed by the Examiner.

Rejections to the Claims

The independent claims have all been amended, therefore the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103 are rendered moot. The prior art cited specifically lacks a system that obtains an actual outcome using output generated by a random number generator, wherein the random number generator executes on a gaming engine separable from a gaming interface and wherein of a plurality of players wagering on a predicted outcome a player with an odd result is to be determined as winner. Moreover all the references cited by the Examiner fail to teach, suggest, or describe a mechanism that allows a plurality of players to interface in such a wagering system. Hence Applicant believes the present claims are now in condition for allowance.

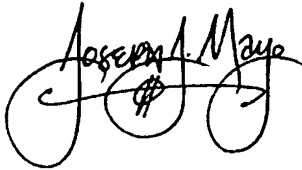
Conclusion

For at least the reasons stated herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims and the new claims are in condition for allowance and hereby requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. **If the Examiner differs in this conclusion, the Examiner is**

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hereby requested to contact Applicant's representative for purposes of a telephone
interview at the number listed below before any action (other than an allowance) is
initiated.

Respectfully submitted,



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